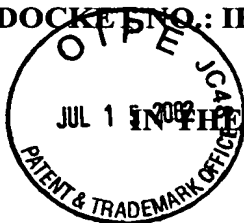


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In Re Application of: Griffey et al.

Serial No.: 09/499,875

Group Art Unit: 1627

Filing Date: February 8, 2000

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For: OPTIMIZATION OF LIGAND AFFINITY FOR RNA TARGETS USING MASS SPECTROMETRY

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

☐ A Preliminary Amendment.

☒ An Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Responsive to the Office Action

Dated May 7, 2002.

☐ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed _____.

☐ Other: _____.

- ☒ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as:
- ☐ an Independent Inventor
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 - ☐ a Nonprofit Organization
- ☐ This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ Substitute Pages _____ of the Specification are enclosed.
- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.
- ☐ _____ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: _____
_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
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- ☐ Attached Form 1449.
 - ☐ A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
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SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-29 and 47-120 without prejudice to their presentation in another application as being drawn to non-elected inventions.

Please amend claim 37 to read as follows.